

CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Senate.

Several memorials and petitions were presented by Messrs. SEWARD, MORTON, FISH, and others, and referred to the appropriate Committees.

Mr. WELLER offered and read a petition of Mr. Stanly, the artist, asking Congress to purchase his portraits of the chiefs of Indian tribes which for the last year, had been on exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. W. was in favor of the petition, and it was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. CASS introduced in resolution calling for information, if there was any in the Department of State, respecting the establishment of a new British colony in Central America.

Mr. TUCKER called up a bill, granting a Pension of \$140 per annum to Avory Downer, formerly a Surgeon in the U. S. Army, and served in the Revolutionary war. Opposed by Mr. HALE on the ground that it had never been proved that he was a surgeon in the army.

After discussion the bill passed on a division—Yeas 35, Nays 3.

On motion of Mr. BROOKE, a house bill to provide for the re-survey of the Mississippi lands, where the office of Surveyor General and land offices had been abolished, was taken up and passed.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive session, and after a short time spent there adjourned.

House of Representatives.

A New Member.

Mr. LORENZO SABINE, elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. BENJAMIN THOMPSON, of Massachusetts, appeared and being duly qualified took his seat.

Remission of Duties.

Mr. HART, by unanimous consent, introduced a resolution discharging the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the bill to remit the duties on certain goods destroyed by fire in the city of New York, and referring the same to the Committee on Commerce.

The resolution, after some debate was laid upon the table.

Reports of Committees.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. HARRIS, prescribing the manner in which the standing committees shall make their reports.

The resolution having been slightly modified, tellers were ordered on the passage of the resolution; when no quorum voted.

After various calls of the roll and unsuccessful efforts to proceed with business, there being but a thin attendance of members,

The House, at quarter before two, adjourned.

To Our Subscribers.

We regret to be compelled so often to ask the indulgence of our readers and subscribers.

It will be seen that much of the reading matter which appeared in yesterday's number, appear again to-day. We are sure that all will excuse us, when they are informed that the efforts we have made to bring out the paper early in the evening have been baffled. To enable us to reach our subscribers during the evening, we are under the necessity of reprinting some of the pieces; as we have to cart the form a great distance to the press. This difficulty will be removed in a day or two, and the paper issued with regularity, and delivered punctually. As soon as this is accomplished, we shall begin the telegraphic despatches, having made arrangements to obtain them regularly and correctly, from a correspondent who is correct in his reports. We are at work, determined, if possible, to establish a paper in Washington to advocate our local interests, and if a little indulgence is granted us in the beginning, we feel certain of success.

There is a strolling company of singers calling themselves "Pierce's Minstrels," concerting it in the swamps of New Jersey. Between this and the 4th of March next, there will be an innumerable troupe claiming to belong to the same band, and desirous of piping the same tune.

There are eight colleges under the supervision of the Methodist Church, with property and funds to the amount of \$494,063. The oldest of them, at Middletown, was founded in 1830. There are 46 academies and seminaries. In 29 of these there are 4,986 students—an average of 178 each.

A free person of color cannot purchase a glass of liquor, in North Carolina. The law forbids it.

EDITORS' CORRESPONDENCE.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.

GENTLEMEN: I observe with pleasure that a new *Star* has appeared to shed its lustre in the latitude of Washington. May its career be as brilliant and its duration as permanent as Venus herself.

Your decidedly neat and tasteful little "*Evening Star*" has, since its addition to the galaxy appeared before the range of my telescopic observations several times of late. There is evidence of healthfulness in its atmosphere, and indications that its orbit is judiciously planned. Speaking, not in figures, but in plain unmistakable language. I am right glad to see that a journal has appeared in Washington to fill the void occasioned by the stopping of the *Telegraph*. Your city, and more especially your citizens, require an afternoon paper such as the *Star* is and will be made. Nothing certainly could be more welcome to the inhabitants of Washington, and of the entire District, than a daily evening visitor like the "*Star*," freighted at all time with choice reading and the latest news. It is one of those companions that never wears out its welcome. Each day it comes with a fresh supply of intelligence, creating a zest for more, and never wearing out its welcome. Such is the character of a good newspaper.

An editor or conductor of a daily journal, as you are aware, has, and will have, under the most favorable circumstances, difficulties to encounter. In the first place, his life is a laborious one; and in the second, he has a multitude of conflicting tastes to please. To be successful, I knew not that he can be governed by a better maxim than the one promulgated by Davy Crockett—"be sure you're right, and go ahead." A strict adherence to principle, with determined unshaken independence, are the ingredients of success in editorial life. Strive to avoid offence, swerve not from the path of moral rectitude, and adhere to the eternal principle of truth. In this, and in no other path, can you act as you should act—"without fear or favor." With such appliances as the main-spring of the "*Evening Star*," it is destined to have a bright career.

Permit me, further, as I am venturing upon advice, to say, avoid politics. The subject is old, stale, exhausted, and uninteresting. Again, it is circumscribed and partial. Whilst a politician makes friends on one side, he creates enemies on the other. The policy for an independent paper is to deal justly with all, work for all, please all. Avoid a repetition of old news and twice told tales. Emulate all that is good, and improve upon the best. Let, if possible, the *Star* shed its lustre upon paths that have not yet been illuminated, and add a brighter light to those which are already brilliant. Give to your readers something good, which they have not seen and cannot see except in the little twinkler over which you preside.

As regards freshness of news and intellectuality, imitate, as much as possible, the freshness, virgin purity, and beauty of that gem of the firmament whose name you have assumed. She has been unwavering since the morning stars sang together. Though years and thousands of years have rolled into the great ocean of eternity since first her glory was displayed in the Heavens, still she seems fresh in the spring-time of youth as each return affords a new theme of admiration.

It will be my pleasure to give you an occasional letter from Baltimore, writing whatever may be deemed of interest. My purpose, at present, is merely to offer congratulations, with hopes for your future success, and a few words of advice resulting from experience. Yours, MARS.

Henry Kirk Brown, has nearly completed a colossal statue of De Witt Clinton, in bronze to be placed in Greenwood Cemetery; and he has a commission to execute an equestrian statue of Washington, in bronze, at a cost of thirty or forty thousand dollars, to be placed in or near Union Square.

We learn from the Boston Atlas that Jason Clapp & Son, of Pittsfield, are making the carriage to be presented to the President elect. It is to be a superbly fitted vehicle.

[From the New Orleans Delta.]

A Night in London.

It was in the fall of 18—, that the ship to which I belonged, after a voyage of four months in the northern Atlantic, hove in sight of the Scilly Islands, and as we were bound for London, shaped our course up the channel, and in a few days, were anchored in the Downs. Having been short of provisions for sometime back, we were obliged to stop to replenish. The next day, however, we were towed up the river, and entered the Commercial Dock on the 28th of October, 18—. It was a grand sight to me, for I had never been in London, and the city seemed like the world in comparison to my humble village in the west of England. We were to be paid off on the morrow; and I determined as soon as I was at liberty to take a stroll and see some of the sights about which I had so often heard. At twelve the next day, all hands proceeded to the office in London Hall street, and received, severally, the amounts due them. There were just ten pounds coming to me, and I started off to see how I could best make it conducive to my pleasure. I had been strolling around for some time, looking at the Tower, and other places of note, and finally walked into one of the parks, to see what I could see of the London fashions. I was leaning against a tree, watching a party which attracted my attention, when I was suddenly accosted by a female, apparently about eighteen or twenty, neatly dressed, and with an expression which, though pleasing, seemed somewhat sad.

"What is it you wish, my good lady?" said I.

She looked at me a moment, and said:

"You are a sailor, I suppose?"

"Yes."

"How long have been in London?"

"I arrived yesterday."

"Have you been here before?"

"Never."

"Well, then, perhaps I can be of some assistance to you. Suppose we take a cab and drive out to Vauxhall this evening?"

I hesitated for a moment; for I thought to myself, she no doubt thinks I have plenty of money, and wishes to obtain a share. But then, again I thought it makes no difference; I'll spend it anyhow, and consented.

She called a cab, and in a short time we were at Vauxhall. I pulled out purse to pay the driver, when she anticipated me and said:

"Never mind, sir, I have plenty. Besides I invited you here; therefore I bear all expenses."

I was astonished; for I had never doubted but that my money was the principal attraction; and I was puzzled to think what could be her object.

After ordering some refreshments, of which she ate and drank very little, but which she insisted upon paying for, we strolled around the garden, listening to the music, until towards evening, when I remarked it would be best to return.

"Yes, it will soon be dark," said she, and we had better go. But you are a stranger in London, and it would be folly for you to look for a hotel to-night—and besides, it would be ungenerous in me to allow you to. I reside in — street; and if you will accept of a room in my house, you will be perfectly welcome; and my husband who is fond of company, will be glad to see you."

While hesitating she called a cab, and half forced me in.

When the cab stopped we got out, and I found myself in a narrow street, dimly lighted, before a large brick house, with iron railings in front. She opened the door and asked me to sit down a moment, when she went in a room close by, and returned almost immediately and said: "My husband has retired; I'll introduce you to him in the morning. Here is a light sir—take the room at the head of the stairs—good night!"

I went up stairs to the room she had pointed out, opened the door and went in. It was furnished, you might say, richly; the bed stood in the further corner, with blue damask curtains in front. I undressed quickly, as I was somewhat tired by my day's adventures. I then walked up to the bed, drew aside the curtains, and there lay a man weltering in his blood, with his throat cut from ear to ear! It would be in vain to attempt to describe my feelings. I immediately dressed myself, with a presence of mind which I have never been able to account for. I then tried to open the door, which, to my horror, I found was locked. Glancing around the room, my eye fell upon the iron in the fire-place. I snatched one up, and with one stroke, broke the lock and opened the door. Running down the stairs I found the front door fastened also. Having nothing to break the lock with, I darted into the first room I came to, and jumped from the window into an alley on the side of the house, and I had merely time to conceal myself, when I heard the people round

crying murder, and saw the very woman that I came with, followed by several of the police, enter the house, thinking, no doubt, she would find me. I left, as soon as the crowd gathered round, and passed out unnoticed.

The next morning I was reading the paper, and almost the first thing which attracted my attention was a notice of a bloody murder in — street, with the reward of fifty pounds for the apprehension of the murderer. It went further, and, in the description of the supposed person, described me better than I could have done myself—even to the manner in which I wore my beard. The first barber's shop received that gratis; and, on changing my clothing, which was also minutely described, I went down to the docks, and the barque — being a hand short, I shipped in her for New York, and have never since, nor ever wish, to spend another night in London.

Yours, etc., M.

The statue of Thomas Jefferson, the second in Crawford's monumental group, has been cast in the Royal Foundry in Munich.

The Mobile Daily Advertiser thus announces the appearance of Lola Montes in that city:

Lola Montes, the danseuse, the politician, and the theologian; the terror of the Jesuits, the favorite of an Emperor, and the cynosure of all eyes, will make her first appearance on the Mobile stage to-morrow evening. Who will not go? For ourselves, years have passed since we beheld the fair lady; then, she was comparatively unknown, now, she is world famed; ergo, we cannot (if even we wished to) resist the temptation of once more seeing and judging, both of the beauty and ability of the much be-praised and much be-ligned Countess; already we are impatient—wonder if our readers are the same?

A habit just imported from Russia has made its appearance in Paris, and consists of smoking tea in cigarritos, instead of tobacco. All the fashionables of the clubs have adopted the new fashion. The government intends taxing the tea dealers, to prevent the loss of the regie.

FEMALE OCCUPATION.—Women in the middle rank are brought up with the idea that if they engage in some occupations, they shall lose "their position in society." Suppose it to be so; surely it is wiser to quit a position we cannot honestly maintain, than to live dependent upon the bounty and caprice of others; better to labor with our hands than eat the bread of idleness; or submit to feel that we must not give utterance to our real opinions, or express our honest indignation at being required to act a base unworthy part. And in all cases, however situated, every female ought to learn how all household affairs are managed, were it only for the purpose of being able to direct others. There cannot be any disgrace in learning how to make the bread we eat, to cook our dinners, to mend our clothes, or even to clean the house. Better to be found busily engaged in removing the dust from the furniture, than to let it accumulate there until a visitor leaves palpable traces where his hat or arm have been laid upon a table.

MARRIED.

On Thursday, the 16th instant, by the Rev. WM. H. BEER, J. JEFFERSON, son of WM. G. W. WHITE, of Washington, to Miss E. C. SMITH, of Monmouth county, New Jersey.

DIED.

On Saturday morning last, at the residence of her husband, Mr. GEO. M. KENDALL, Mrs. CHARLOTTE S. KENDALL, aged 52 years and seven months.

On 26th instant, of scarlet fever, JACKQUILINE P., second daughter of WM. and MARY ANN McPEAK, aged seven years.

M. T. PARKER,

House and Sign Painter and Glazier.

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he is prepared to execute work in his profession as punctually and at reasonable rates as it can be done in Washington. Orders left at his room on Louisiana avenue, between 6th and 7th sts., or at his residence on C street, rear of his room, will receive prompt attention. dec 14

HASTINGS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF NAPHTHA. A positive cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, and all diseases of the chest and lungs. A single bottle will prove its efficacy. Prepared by Dr. G. Hastings, London. Price \$1 per bottle. Sold by S. R. SYLVESTER, Chemist and Druggist, cor. 6th and H sts. dec 16—eo2w

NEW AND SPLENDID GOODS.

WRITING Desks, Ladies Work Boxes Gentlemen's Shaving Cases Eight-day Clocks, a superior article Porte Monies, Bird Cages, &c. received and for sale low at the 7th street Fancy Store, 2d below E. A. LAMMOND. dec 23—3t

SOMETHING NEW.

JUST RECEIVED—One case of Madame Sontag Button Gaiters for Ladies Also, Ladies' Half Gaiters And for sale by HAKES & GRIFFIN, Penn. avenue, bet. 9th and 10th streets, next door to W. Harper & Co dec 16

FOUR-AND-A-HALF STREET MILNERY, FANCY, AND TRIMMING STORE.

MRS. CHOATE IS EVER READY TO WAIT upon the Ladies of Washington and vicinity. Her BONNETS are equal to any in this city. The Ladies would do well to call. dec 16

WINES, BRANDIES, CIGARS, GROCERIES, PICKLES, SAUCES, CATSUPS, &c. JNO. B. KIBBEY & CO.,

No. 5, opposite Centre Market. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS in the above goods, of variety for families, clubs, and the trade an unsurpassed variety of— WINE—Madeiras, Clarets, Champagnes, Ports, Sherries, Hocks, &c. on draught, in demijohns and bottles. LIQUORS—Brandy, Rum, Whiskey, Gin, &c. LIQUORS—Curacao, Maraschino, Anisette, Noyeau, Bitters, &c. MALT LIQUORS—London Brown Stout, Scotch and English Ales. CIGARS—A variety of brands. PICKLES—Best quality of English and French. SAUCES—For Fish, Curry, Game, Meats, &c. TEAS—Breakfast Teas, Souchong, Pouchong, Pekoe, Oolong, Hyson, Young Hyson, &c. in chests, 1/2 chests, and boxes. SUGARS—Brown, Loaf, Crushed, Pulverized, Grandulated, &c. COFFE—Mocha, Java, Maracabo, Rio, &c. CHEESE—Stilton, Cheddar, Sapsago, Parmesan, Dutch, and American. HAMS—Best American and Westphalia. LARD—LARD & PERKIN'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE. dec 16—12t

OPERA BOOTS, CONGRESS GAITERS, &c.

JUST RECEIVED from the manufactory of W. Whitney, Newark, New Jersey, (formerly of this city.) 1 case of Opera Boots 1 case Congress Gaiters 1 case Union Shoes, a new article; and One case of Old Shoes Also, 1 case of boys Congress Gaiters and Union shoes For sale by JOHN MILLS, dec 22 Fashionable Boot Maker, Brown's Hotel.

ELEGANT FURNITURE AND HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS.

THE SUBSCRIBER has constantly on hand at his Furnishing Ware Rooms a large and well selected assortment of Furniture, China, Glassware, &c., comprising— Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany Sofas Arm Chairs, and Parlor Chairs finished in Brocatelle, Plush, and Hair Cloth. Elegant Rosewood, Walnut, and Mahogany full-Slab Dressing Bureaus, Wardrobes, Wash-Stands Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Hair and Shuck Mattresses, &c., Gold Band Dinner and Dessert Sets, richly decorated French China Teaware, Flower Vases, Coffee Cups Silver Plated Castors, Spoons, Ladles, Forks, &c. In short, it is stock embraces ALL that is useful or ornamental in the HOUSE-FURNISHING line, and at prices that cannot fail to please. A liberal credit will be extended for good notes or references. dec 16— JAMES C. McGUIRE.

ALL TASTES SUITED.

THE SUBSCRIBER would respectfully call the attention of members of Congress, strangers visiting the city, and the public generally, to his large assortment of BOOTS AND SHOES on hand of his own manufacture, also from the most celebrated makers of New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Baltimore, consisting of quilted bottom, cork sole, and double-sole Boots for winter wear; also opera and dress Boots, Buttoned Gaiters, patent Congress boots, detached alligators, Glaze Shoes, French Working Shoes, Paris Pumps, Toilet slippers, Calf skin and Gum Shoes; also young and servant's Boots and Shoes, and Slippers of every description.

To my old customers I would say, that I am fully prepared to make work of every kind to order at the shortest notice of the very best material and by the best workmen in a style which cannot be surpassed by any similar establishment in this or any other city in the Union. All measured work warranted to fit. Please call and examine for yourselves at the Fashionable Boot and Shoe Store, Brown's Marble Hotel. JOHN MILLS, Fashionable Boot Maker. dec 16

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, Strangers, and others will please notice that the subscribers have removed to their new store, (sign of the Golden Eagle,) three doors west of the one they formerly occupied, and have opened an assortment of superior Gold Watches, Diamond, and other rich Jewelry, Silver Ware, &c., which, for fineness of quality, style, and cheapness, is not surpassed in this country. Watches, Chronometers, &c. repaired with the utmost care. M. W. GALT & BRO. Sign of the Golden Eagle, Penn. ave. between 9th and 10th sts. dec 16

JUST RECEIVED—

25 half-chests fine family tea 80 boxes raisins 1 bale almonds 1 do walnuts 2 boxes W. rock candy 4 cases ginger 2 trials dates 4 bags ground nuts 100 boxes sardines 25 kegs family butter 1 barrel pickles 3 boxes do 25 boxes sealed herring 125 sugar cured hams 50 bags buckwheat flour 20 dozen brooms 5 do whips 2 do Manila mats 10 do flour buckets 5 do washboards 4 do buckets 20 barrels crushed sugar 20 boxes starch dec 16—3t WILLIAM ORME.

MACKEREL, SALMON, CODFISH, White Fish, &c.

50 bbls. small No. 3 Mackerel 10 bbls. No. 1 Mackerel 10 1/2 bbls. No. 1 do 20 kits No. 1 Mackerel, expressly for family use 1 do fine family Salmon 2,500 lbs. Grand Bank Codfish 50 boxes No. 1 Scaled Herrings 8 1/2 bbls. White Fish 8 1/2 bbls. do 25 bbls. Connecticut Herrings Just received and for sale by SAMUEL BACON & CO. dec 16

USEFUL AND VARIOUS.

WE have this day received the following, to which we call the attention of our friends, our customers, and the public generally:

10 pieces Table Damask, all grades 50 dozen Table Napkins, all prices 125 do Towels, from 12 1/2c up 75 pieces all widths Sheetings, very cheap 50 do pillow case Cottons 500 do Bleached Cottons, all prices and makes 500 do fancy Prints, all grades 20 do black Alpaca, to sell at twelve cents 20 do black Prints, to sell at 6 1/4 75 do heavy full-cut Cloths, for servants 75 do plaid country Linseys 250 do Mousselines de Laine 12 1/2c 300 do Mousselines de Laine, 1 3/4 and 25 cents 100 do Penty plaid Cottons 100 do heavy Osnaburghs 100 Linen Table-cloths, bleached and brown 25 pieces Huckaback, for toweling, &c. 50 do best Russia Diapers. With a full, general, and complete assortment of all kinds of Dry Goods. YERBY & MILLER, Corner 7th street and Penn. avenue, Miss Dermott's new building. dec 16

SUPERIOR WHITE FLANNELS, such as Welch Scotch-Irish, Saxony, Persian and 104 wide something entirely new and superior for ladies' skirts, with a large stock of low priced white and colored; also the various shades of Sack Flannel, at the new Dry Goods Store of MAXWELL, SEAPS & COLLEY, Penn. ave, between 9th and 10th sts. dec 16

CITIZENS AND STRANGERS in want of a superior READY MADE CLOTHING are invited to call at NOAH WALKER & CO'S. Branch Store, Brown's Buildings, where can be had everything pertaining to a well-assorted stock of Fine Ready Made Clothing, gotten up expressly for this store in the best manner, and which can be sold lower than any other stock in this city. Great attention has been paid to the styles and finish of this clothing. Call and examine and be convinced of their superiority, at Mar-Exchange Hall Clothing Emporium, Brown's Marble Building, Pennsylvania avenue. P. S.—All kinds of Furnishing Goods. dec 16

BERMUDA ARROW ROOT—A very superior article, just received. W. T. EVANS.